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LETTER DATED 26 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 20 to 24 April 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

20 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-7,500 m, centred on Zakho, Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 67 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shatrah, Artawi, Salman and Khidr.

21 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Sinjar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-11,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

22 April 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the area on this date.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-11,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Basra and Busayyah.

23 April 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in the area on this date.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah, Salman and Nasiriyah.

24 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho, and Irbil.

(b) Southern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,500 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 1250 hours on 24 April 1993, a United States TR-1 aircraft was detected engaging in hostile reconnaissance over the Umm Qasr area. It was flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m. At 1515 hours on the same day, it disappeared over the Hafr al-Batin area inside Saudi Arabian airspace.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative